

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Northern
States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
for Certificates of Need for Four Large High
Voltage Transmission Line Projects in
Southwestern Minnesota

**ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE TO
PREFILE TESTIMONY – PUBLIC
INTERVENORS NETWORK**

On April 11, 2002, the Public Intervenor Network filed a motion to extend the time to prefile its direct testimony. It requested the extension in order to obtain the expert opinion of David Schoengold, and, if funds are available, Art Hughes. Xcel Energy opposed the motion because it was made on the day that the prefiled direct testimony was due, and the moving party had not proceeded promptly to retain its expert. Also, late submission of prefiled testimony will hamper Xcel Energy's preparation for hearing.

Carol A. Overland, Esq., Overland Law Office, P.O. Box 559, Red Wing, MN 55066, appeared on behalf of the Public Intervenor Network. Michael C. Krikava, Esq., Briggs and Morgan, P.A., 80 South Eighth Street, Suite 2400, Minneapolis, MN 55402, appeared on behalf of Xcel Energy.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The deadline for the Public Intervenor Network to file the direct testimony of David Schoengold, and Art Hughes if he is retained, is extended. Public Intervenor Network shall arrange for personal delivery of the direct testimony to Xcel Energy and the Department of Commerce, and file a copy with the judge no later than 12:00 noon on April 30, 2002. Efforts shall be made to assure delivery to all other parties that day.
2. In the event that any party is disadvantaged by the lateness of the Public Intervenor Network filing of direct testimony, the matter will be addressed at the prehearing conference scheduled for May 1, 2002 and necessary adjustments made to the hearing schedule.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2002.

BEVERLY JONES HEYDINGER

Administrative Law Judge